

Trauma Triage Guidelines

Priority 1

SBP of 90 or less, respiratory rate <10 or >30
Tachycardia HR >130 AND meet Priority 2 criteria
Age specific hypotension in children
 <70mmHg + 2 x age)
 HR > 200 or < 60
Respiratory compromise/obstruction
Intubation
Inter-facility transfer patients receiving blood to
 maintain vital signs
GCS 8 or less with mechanism attributed to trauma
Major limb amputation
Pregnancy >20 weeks gestation with leaking fluid or
 bleeding or abdominal pain that also meets
 Priority 3 criteria
Open skull fracture
Paralysis of an extremity
Penetrating injury to abdomen, head, neck, chest or
 proximal limbs including the knee and elbow
Emergency MD Discretion

Priority 2

GCS 9 to 13
Chest tube/ needle thoracotomy
Pelvic fracture (suspected)
Two obvious long bone fractures (femur/humerus)
Flail chest
Near drowning
Ejection from ENCLOSED vehicle
Burns > 20% BSA OR involvement of face, airway,
 hands, or genitalia
Sensory deficit of an extremity

Priority 3

Death of same car occupant
Extrication time > 20 minutes
Fall 2 x patient's height
Auto vs. bike OR auto vs. pedestrian
Non-enclosed wheeled or mechanized transport >
 20 mph
Horse ejection or rollover
12" intrusion into occupant space or vehicle
"Star" any window or windshield
Rollover
Broken/bent steering wheel
Trauma mechanism w/ change in LOC
Amputation of one or more digits
10-20% TBSA (second or third degree)